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Docket No.: 2681/01134US0

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In re application of:

Yakhnich, Evgeny and Reshef, Ehud

Serial No.: 09/754,570

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: January 4, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2631

For: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF CONVERTING SOFT SYMBOL
INFORMATION TO SOFT BIT INFORMATION

April 17, 2001

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with
37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this

statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, as it is filed:

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[] A. Within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

[X] B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, or a first office action after filing a request for continued examination.

[] C. after (A) and (B) above, but before the mailing date of a final rejection, a notice of allowance, or any other action that closes prosecution, and Applicants have made the necessary statement in box "i" below or paid the necessary fee in box "ii" below.

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[] i. Counsel states that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (a) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or (b) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making

reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

[] ii.11. A check for the fee set forth in 1. 17(p), presently believed to be \$180, is enclosed.

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[] i. A check for the fee set forth in 1.17 (p), presently believed to be \$180, is enclosed.

2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO-1449) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below.

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[] A. Document(s) _____ is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) _____, and, in accordance with 1.98(c), only a copy of

each of the latter documents is enclosed.

[] B. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior applications, which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:
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Applicant Identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892 and PTO- 1449 from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO- 1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 1.98(d). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

[] 3. Document(s) _____ are not in the English language. In accordance with 1.98(c), Applicant states:

- [] An English translation of each document (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application is enclosed.
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is found in the attached search report (see MPEP § 609 A(3)x).
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is set forth as follows: [Insert concise explanation of relevance]
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ can be found on page(s) _____ of the specification.

A concise explanation of document(s) _____ can be found on the attached sheet.

4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see MPEP § 609 A(3)).

5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

6. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this IDS should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 (b), or that any cited document listed or attached is (or constitutes) prior art. Unless otherwise indicated, the date of publication indicated for an item is taken from the face of' the item and Applicant reserves the right to prove that the date of publication is in fact different.

CROSS REFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.79, Applicant notes that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patent Applications:

(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/616,161, entitled METHOD OF CHANNEL ORDER SELECTION AND CHANNEL ESTIMATION IN A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, filed July 14, 2000.

(2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/754,566, entitled SOFT DECISION OUTPUT GENERATOR, filed January 4, 2001.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

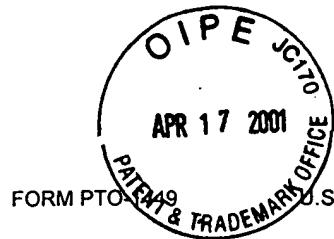
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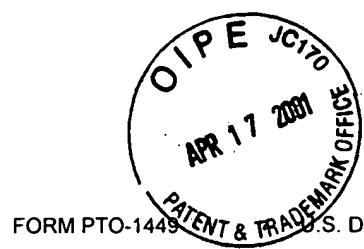
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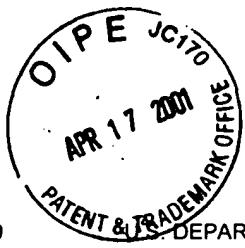
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